

Remarks/Arguments:

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 2-16, 24-31, and 33-43 are allowed. The present amendment to the specification addresses the minor informality noted in the outstanding Office Action. As support for the amendment to the specification may be found, for example, in originally filed Claims 17-20, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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